

has been added. Claims 1-12 and 23-24 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 13-22 and 25 are pending and under consideration.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS:

Claim 21 is objected to for the reasons set forth in the Office Action. It is respectfully submitted that the above amendment to claim 21 overcomes the rejection.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112:

Claims 17-20 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments to claims 17-20 and 22 overcome these rejections.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER:

Claims 13-16 are allowed, and the Examiner's reasons for allowance are set forth in the Office Action. The Examiner states that none of the prior art discloses the "driving circuit is capable off turning off only one of said first and second primary light sources." Please note that this feature is not recited in independent claim 13.

NEW CLAIM:

New claim 25 has been added and recites "a driving circuit to drive the second light source and the third light source, said first guide plate having a first emission face, a first back face and a first incidence end face, said second guide plate having a second emission face, a second back face extending along said first emission face and a second incidence end face, said first incidence end face and said second incidence end face being opposite to each other across said first and second guide plates."

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

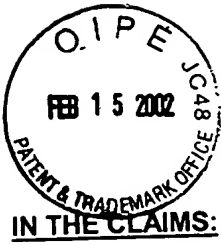
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **AMEND** claims 17-22 in accordance with the following:

17. (ONCE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display in accordance with claim 13, wherein said first back face is provided with a great number of projection rows [each of which includes a pair of slopes] running approximately at right angles with respect to said first incidence end face, each of said projection rows including a pair of slopes.

18. (ONCE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display in accordance with claim 14, wherein said first back face is provided with a great number of projection rows [each of which includes a pair of slopes] running approximately at right angles with respect to said first incidence end face, each of said projection rows including a pair of slopes.

19. (ONCE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display in accordance with claim 15, wherein said first back face is provided with a great number of projection rows [each of which includes a pair of slopes] running approximately at right angles with respect to said first incidence end face, each of said projection rows including a pair of slopes.

20. (ONCE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display in accordance with claim 16, wherein said first back face is provided with a great number of projection rows [each of which includes a pair of slopes] running approximately at right angles with respect to said first incidence end face, each of said projection rows including a pair of slopes.

21. (ONCE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display in accordance with [any one of claim]

claim 13 [through 20], wherein said light control member is provided with a great number of slopes providing inner reflection surfaces to modify a [modifies] directivity of illumination output light so that illumination output light originated from any one of said first and second primary light sources is directed to a frontal direction with respect to said second emission face.

22. (ONCE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display in accordance with claim 21, wherein said light control member has an inner face provide [with] a great number of projection rows [each of which includes a pair of slopes] running approximately parallel with respect to said second incidence end face, each of said projection rows including a pair of slopes.